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Th-they're beautiful.



OH, DON'T ENCOURAGE THEM.



KEEP HOLD OF STINGY JACK, WOULD YOU, MAZIKEEN?



AND DO KEEP AN EYE ON HIM. HE HID IN SYCORAX'S MINDSCAPE WITH A VIEW TO TRAP ME FOR ETERNITY.



REALLY. NOT EVEN FIVE MINUTES BACK ON THE EARTHLY PLANE AND I HAVE AN ANGELIC HOST TO DEAL WITH.



LUCIFER. BOW.

OH RAGUEL. NO. WE'VE BEEN THROUGH THIS. WE HAD THAT WHOLE WAR IN HEAVEN THING.

SO LET'S JUST LEAVE OUT THE PONTIFICATIONS AND SAY THAT WE DID THEM, HMMM?

YOU ABDICATED HELL TO WALK OUR FATHER'S CREATION. IN HIS MERCY, HE ALLOWED THIS.

AND YET YOU INSIST ON FURTHER BLASPHEMIES.

BROTHER OF MINE...

I AM FURTHER BLASPHEMIES.





M-Mother...  
Wh-what's  
happening?

HUSH, CALIBAN.  
THEY ARE SPEAKING  
AS *ANGELS* SPEAK. IN  
THE LANGUAGE FOR  
WHICH THE MOVEMENTS  
OF *PLANETS* ARE  
METAPHOR.



THIS...WE  
CANNOT LET  
STAND.



I SEEK  
NOTHING OF THE  
SORT. I WISH TO  
MIRROR OR PARODY  
NOTHING OF OUR  
FATHER'S  
DESIGN.

YOU SEEK TO  
WRITE *NEW GOSPELS*,  
TO *MOCK* HIS MIRACLES BY  
PERFORMING YOUR OWN  
RESURRECTION.

IT'S NOT  
MY FAULT HE  
CREATED SUCH  
A CIRCULAR  
UNIVERSE.



HE BROUGHT  
BACK HIS MEWLING  
BRAT WITH THE HOLES  
IN THE HANDS OVER  
TWO THOUSAND  
YEARS AGO.

THIS HAS  
NOTHING TO  
DO WITH  
THAT.



YOU WILL  
NOT SPEAK  
OF THE SON  
SO.





YOU ARE WEAKENED, LUCIFER...

YOU ARE WEAKENED GREATLY.



AND YOU, THE MIGHTY VENGEANCE OF THE LORD, RAGUEL. YOU ARE AS CRUEL AND VINDICTIVE AS EVER I WAS.



I AM VENGEANCE. I AM FURY. I TAKE NO PLEASURE IN THIS. EVEN IN LIFTING A HAND TO YOU, MY WAYWARD BRETHREN, I FIND ANGUISH.

FOR HE IS A LOVING GOD.



AND YET YOU CARRY OUT YOUR DUTY ADMIRINGLY. UNFLINCHINGLY.



IT IS MY PURPOSE.



THERE IS A HAIR'S BREADTH BETWEEN SEARING DIVINE ECSTASY AND THE AGONY OF THE DAMNED, RAGUEL.

I HAVE ALWAYS THOUGHT YOU WOULD DO VERY WELL IN HELL.



ENOUGH. HE SPEAKS TO ME. HIS WILL SHALL BE DONE.



LUCIFER'S  
PERFORMED  
RESURRECTION IS  
A *PERVERSION* OF  
CHRIST'S. AND SO  
IT SHALL BE.

THE NAZARENE  
WAS THREE DAYS *DEAD*  
BEFORE HIS RESURRECTION.  
AND SO...*SYCORAX* WILL ONLY  
BE THREE DAYS *ALIVE*  
AFTER HERS.

SEVENTY-TWO  
HOURS. THAT'S WHAT  
HE WILL *ALLOW* YOUR  
SYCORAX, IN HIS  
GREAT MERCY.



THE  
SAME TIME  
AS CHRIST'S  
ENTOMBED  
EASTER.



DOES  
THIS FILL  
YOU WITH *RAGE*,  
LUCIFER? WOULD  
YOU *FIGHT* ME  
AND ALL THE  
HOST ONCE  
MORE?



YOU WOULD *WASTE*  
YOUR TIME AND HERS. AND  
WE SHALL BE *WATCHING*, FOR  
WE ARE THE AGENTS OF HIS  
*OMNISCIENCE*.



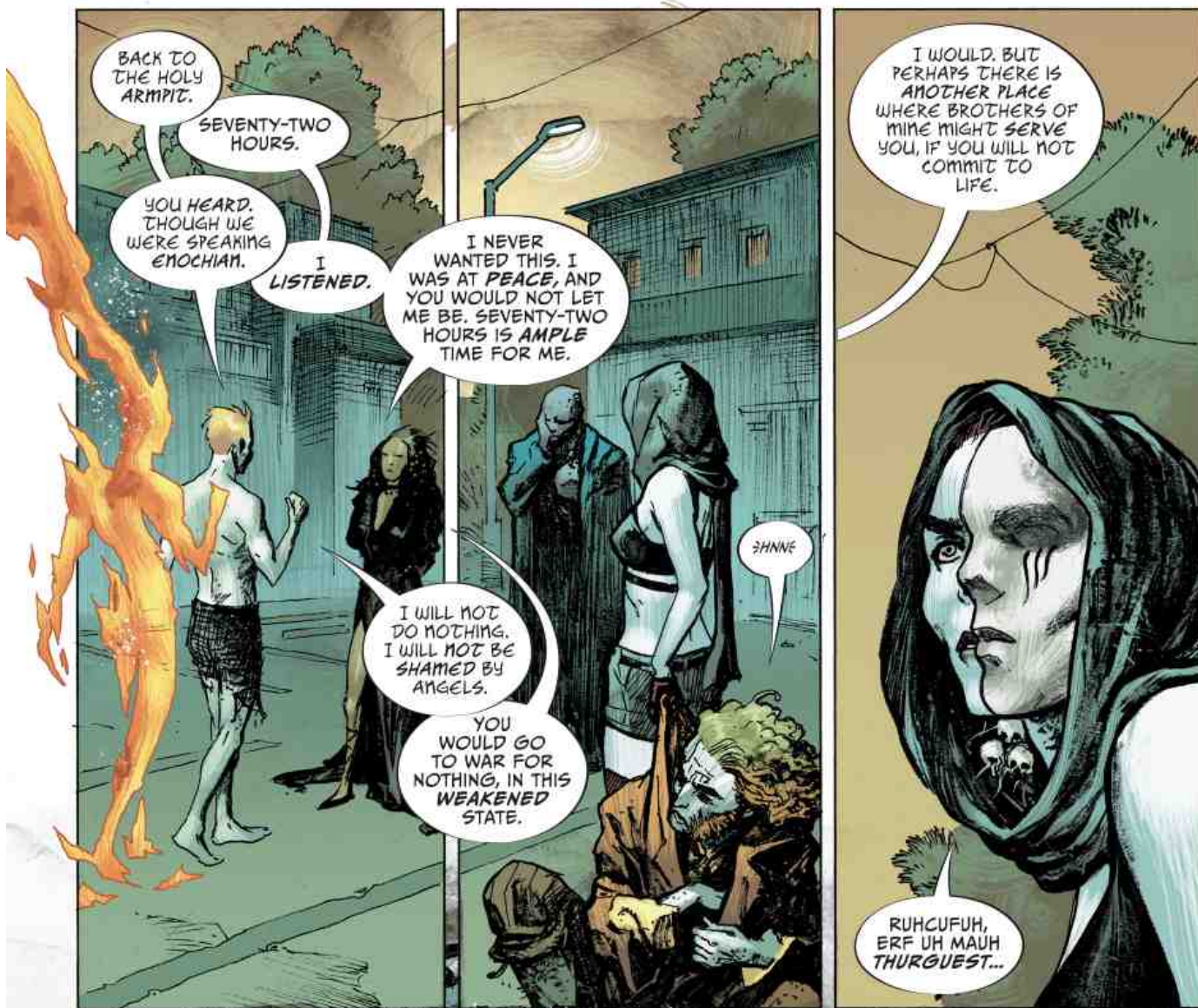
SEVENTY-TWO  
HOURS. FOR THE  
FIRST TIME IN  
*MILLENNIA* BE WISE,  
LUCIFER. AND  
BROTHER...

...I LOVE  
YOU.

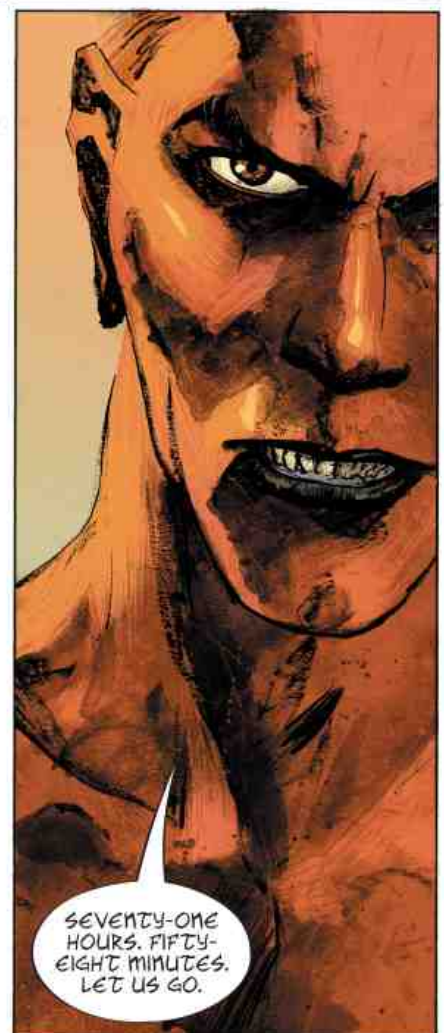


Wait--  
where  
are they  
going?











ASK ANY INHABITANT  
OF HELL, AND THEY  
WILL TELL YOU THAT  
THE WORST THING  
ABOUT IT IS ALL THE  
ETERNITY.

ALL OF THE  
FLAYINGS--  
RENDINGS  
OF SPIRITUAL  
FLESH FROM  
METAPHYSICAL  
BONE--COMPARE  
NOTHING TO THE  
KNOWLEDGE  
THAT THIS  
WILL GO ON  
FOREVER.

OF COURSE, THIS  
IS WHAT THEY SAY  
BETWEEN RENDINGS,  
FOR THE MOST PART.

NOOO...  
PLEASE!

MID-RENDING IT'S  
HARDER TO ASK,  
ON ACCOUNT OF THE  
SCREAMING.

THE BOTTOM LINE BEING  
THAT NONE OF IT IS ALL  
THAT FANTASTIC.

AND IT'S TRUE,  
LITTLE EVER  
CHANGES.

REBELLIONS COME AND GO, BUT  
THINGS HAVE A WAY OF RETURNING  
TO THEIR MORE RESOLUTE FORMS.

SO MUSES THE ANGEL  
REMIEL, LORD OF HELL, AS  
IT LOOKS DOWN OVER THE  
DOMAIN IT SHARES WITH ITS  
SILENT SIBLING, DUMA.

AND YET...

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YES,  
DUMA.  
YOU *FEEL*  
IT, TOO.

A *TASTE*  
ON THE AIR,  
THROUGH  
THE ACRID  
SMOKE...



"LUCIFER IS  
ONCE MORE  
IN HELL."

B-BUT YOU  
*S-~~SAID~~* THERE  
WAS NO *P-~~PLACE~~*  
FOR ME  
H-*HERE*.

I *SWORE*  
THAT I  
WOULD NOT  
TAKE YOUR  
SOUL.



BUT THERE  
HAS BEEN  
SOMETHING OF A  
REGIME CHANGE  
SINCE YOUR  
TIME, JACK.



NOW HANG  
ON, SO. PERHAPS  
I WAS HASTY.

*MAYBE*  
PURGATORY  
WASN'T ALL THAT  
BAD AFTER ALL.  
PERHAPS...



P-PERHAPS...  
GUH-UHH--  
AHHH--  
AARGH!

LUCIFER.  
HAVE YOU  
RETURNED TO  
WAGE WAR  
FOR YOUR  
THRONE?

COME NOW,  
REMIEL. AFTER  
I BROUGHT YOU  
A GIFT.





YOU COULD HAVE SENT THE MAZIKEEN TO RUN SUCH AN ERRAND.

OR SOME OF THOSE STRAGGLERS WHO NEVER RETURNED HERE AFTER YOUR ABDICATION.

AH. YES, DUMA. I SEE.

LUCIFER HAS EVOKED HEAVEN'S RAGE ONCE MORE.

DUMA SEEMS TO HAVE MAINTAINED MORE OF A DIRECT LINE WITH THE HOST SINCE YOU BOTH FELL, REMIEL.

WE DID NOT FALL. WE WERE ENTRUSTED HELL'S STEWARDSHIP BY YAHWEH.

OUR BURDEN IS OUR SERVICE.

WELL, THAT CERTAINLY SOUNDS HEALTHY.

BUT DUMA IS CORRECT. I DO HAVE A MATTER ON WHICH TO SPEAK TO YOU REGARDING OUR ERSTWHILE BRETHERN.

NO, LUCIFER.

EXCUSE ME?



WE KNOW WHAT YOU WISH TO ASK.

THE SEPARATION FROM HIS PRESENCE AN AGONY WE THANK HIM FOR.

THERE IS ONE AMONGST THE LIVING WHO WILL BE SENT DOWN TO US PRESENTLY. THE WITCH SYCORAX, DYING A TRUE DEATH AT LAST.

WE WILL AFFORD HER NO SPECIAL TREATMENT.

DON'T SPEAK TO ME THAT WAY, REMIEL.

I MAY BE LONG GONE FROM THIS PLACE, BUT I WONDER WHO OF YOUR SUBJECTS WOULD DEFECT FROM YOU TO IF I SO MUCH AS HAD THE WHIM.

WE'LL ASK THEM, SHALL WE?



SUBJECTS  
OF HELL.

IT APPEARS  
YOUR OLD MASTER  
WISHES TO **THREATEN**  
YOUR LORD DUMA  
AND MYSELF.

WHO  
AMONG YOU  
WILL STAND WITH  
HIM AGAINST THE  
THRONE OF  
HELL?

WHO WILL  
STAND WITH **WEAK**  
LUCIFER...

**WINGLESS**  
LUCIFER...

**ATROPHIED**  
LUCIFER?

SYCORAX WILL  
COME TO HELL,  
AND SHE WILL BE  
TREATED AS ANY  
OTHER OF OUR  
SUBJECTS.

**SHAME** ON  
YOU, BROTHER.  
YOU KNOW  
**BETTER** THAN  
ANY...





"HELL PLAYS NO FAVORITES."

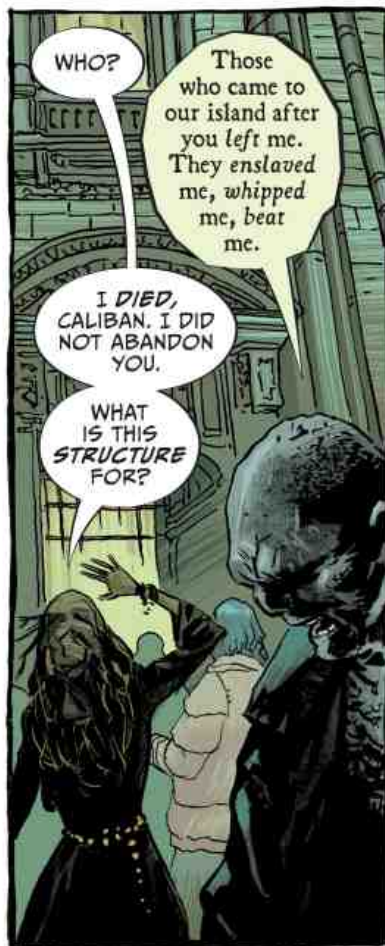
WHERE IS THIS PLACE?

The modern world. I thought you might like to see some of it.



IT REEKS.

This is Milan. It is where they came from.

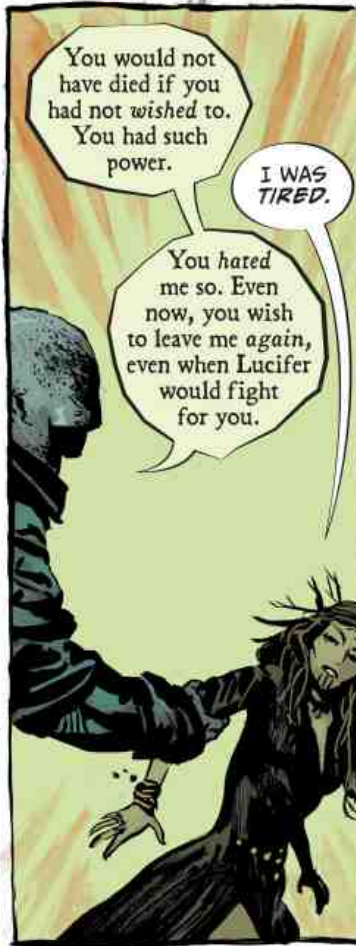


WHO?

Those who came to our island after you left me. They enslaved me, whipped me, beat me.

I DIED, CALIBAN. I DID NOT ABANDON YOU.

WHAT IS THIS STRUCTURE FOR?



You would not have died if you had not wished to. You had such power.

I WAS TIRED.

You hated me so. Even now, you wish to leave me again, even when Lucifer would fight for you.



CALIBAN, CHILD...

AGH. IT'S SO LOUD HERE. I CANNOT THINK.

ESPECIALLY NOT WITH ALL THESE HIDDEN EYES UPON US.

What eyes? No one is looking at us.





THOSE  
EYES.



WHUH  
HUSH YUH  
DUHN?

DO YHEW  
WHESH TO  
ENROKE  
HEARENH'S  
RUTH?

WHAT CARE  
SHOULD I HAVE?  
I AM SO TIRED OF  
BEING CAUGHT IN  
THE TANGLE OF  
LUCIFER'S FAMILIAL  
SQUABBLES.

YAHWEH IS  
NO GOD OF  
MINE, AND HE'D  
DO WELL TO  
REMEMBER  
IT.



Lucifer is  
my father.

They are my  
family, too.

HWICKREE.  
HWE WUSHT  
GO.

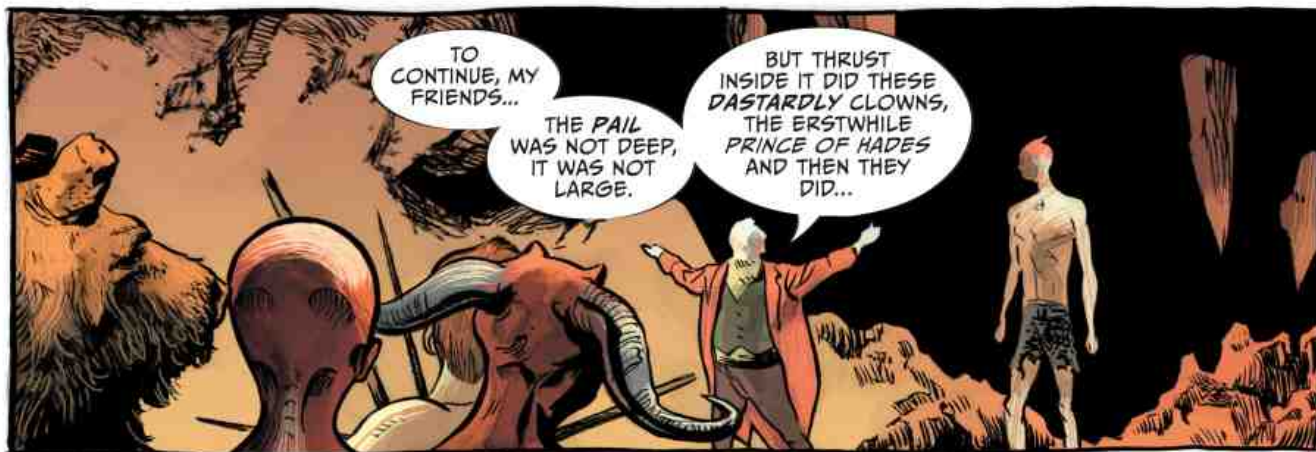


TSU HWERE  
RHEY CURROT  
FUROW.













UNHAND ME.  
WHERE HAVE  
YOU BROUGHT  
US?

HERE.  
WE'RE HERE  
AGAIN.

THIS IS...  
NO.

THREE DAYS  
I HAVE ON EARTH,  
AND YOU BRING ME  
TO WHERE LUCIFER  
TRAPPED ME FOR  
DECADES?

WHO ARE  
YOU, LITTLE  
DEMONESS, TO  
THINK THAT YOU  
CAN MOCK  
ME?

RUH  
RAHM THE  
RASHER-  
KHEEN.

RAUTER  
URF RILETH,  
CORNSHORT OF  
THE GREAT  
RUCIFUH.



UNHD RHE HUSH  
TUSHKED MHE  
WUTH KEEPING  
YUH SAFE.

RHISH PLACHE RHE  
HUS HEDDEN FRUH  
HEAREN. RHEY  
CARRUT SHEE  
YUW HEAH.



DAUGHTER OF LILITH...  
I KNEW YOUR MOTHER.  
LUCIFER WILL CAUSE YOU  
NOTHING BUT PAIN, IF  
YOU STAY WITH HIM.

PERHAPS  
YOU ALREADY  
KNOW THAT.



HEAH YUW  
CAH SPEAKH  
TEW YUH SON  
UHNHEAD.

RHE HUSH  
BIN HWAITING  
UH LUNG  
TIME.





I AM SORRY.



PERHAPS I HAVE NEVER SAID THAT BEFORE.

Never to me.

OR AT ALL.

TELL ME. WHAT CAN I GIVE TO YOU IN THIS WORLD TO MAKE IT *BETTER* FOR YOU?

There is not a thing. I am sure of that now.



I have never been more certain that the universe has me in it only to scorn me.



I'd never seen them before. *Angels*. More beautiful and glorious and terrible than ever I imagined.

My father was one of them, and yet...



Look at me.

I've known no family beyond you.

Even the moon god Setebos, who we worshipped when I was a child, never spoke to me again after you died.

OH CALIBAN. SIT BY ME, SON. TELL ME OF THE WORLD THAT IS...AND THERE IS A TRUTH IN TURN I MUST TELL YOU REGARDS SETEBOS...



AS A FAMILIAR SUN SETS OVER FAMILIAR SANDS, THEY TALK...



HIDDEN ON THEIR ISLAND  
FROM OMNIPOTENT EYES...

...WHICH SCAN THE EARTH  
FRANTICALLY FOR THEM.

FINDING ONLY THE CHAOS  
WROUGHT BY THE APPEARANCE  
AND DISAPPEARANCE OF  
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WHICH SCAN HELL,  
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ARCHANGEL  
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ALL CREATION THAT HIS EVERY  
ACTION AS THE LORD'S HAND  
OF VENGEANCE IS AN ACT OF  
HEART-RENDING MISERY.

AND HE SEES HOW  
HIS FALLEN ILK SOW  
DISCORD WITHOUT  
CARE OR THOUGHT...

THE CHERUB DIRI...  
BURNING WHEEL OF THE  
LORD AND FAVORED  
SERVANT OF MINE. THE  
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THE HOST TO MAN.

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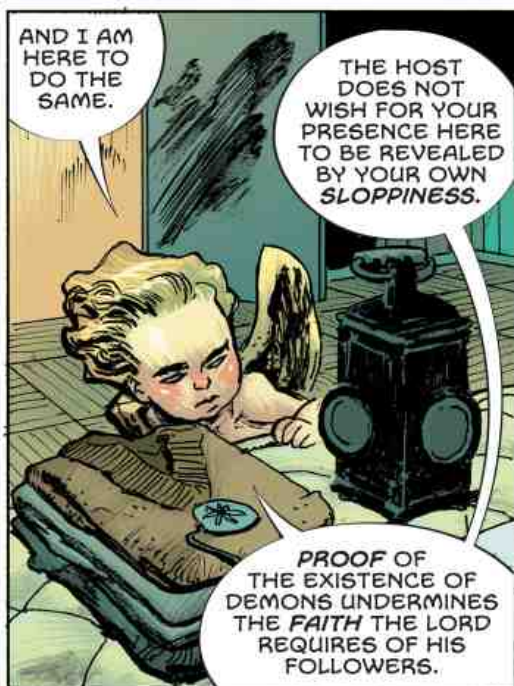
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WHAT DO YOU WANT? WE ARE BUSY. THE MAZIKEEN HAS ASKED US TO, UH...



...CLEAN UP HERE.



AND I AM HERE TO DO THE SAME.

THE HOST DOES NOT WISH FOR YOUR PRESENCE HERE TO BE REVEALED BY YOUR OWN SLOPPINESS.

PROOF OF THE EXISTENCE OF DEMONS UNDERMINES THE FAITH THE LORD REQUIRES OF HIS FOLLOWERS.



NONETHELESS, WHERE IS THE MAZIKEEN?

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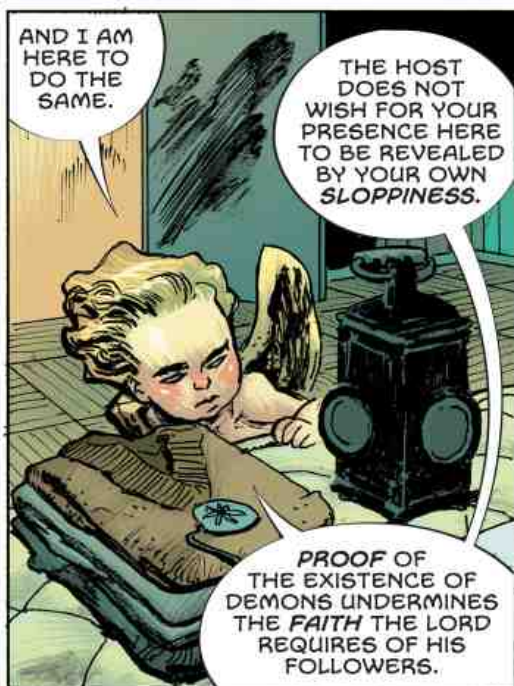
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I MADE FOR  
YOU.



I've learned  
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companions I could  
trust, down the  
ages.

*KRAAK*

WHAT  
IS--?



LUCIFER?  
HOW GOOD OF  
YOU TO *GRACE*  
US WITH YOUR  
PRESENCE.



YES, I  
KNOW.

SYCORAX, I  
SAID THAT WE  
WOULD TALK, AND  
WE SHALL. BUT  
FIRST THERE IS  
SOMETHING I  
MUST DO.

I HAVE TOLD  
YOU, I WILL NOT  
HAVE YOU WAGE  
WAR FOR ME,  
LUCIFER.



AND  
THIS, I  
ACCEPT.

BUT I  
RESURRECTED  
YOU. SCRAPED YOU  
BACK TOGETHER  
FROM THE  
MINDSCAPE OF  
YOUR SKULL.



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"HE DOES  
ONLY HARM."

YES, I  
SUPPOSE.  
WHY NOT?

AS GOOD  
A PLACE TO  
START AS  
ANY.

ANUBIS.  
KEEPER OF  
THE DEAD.

OPEN YOUR  
GATES.



I HAVE  
BROUGHT  
FOOD FOR  
YOUR  
JACKALS.

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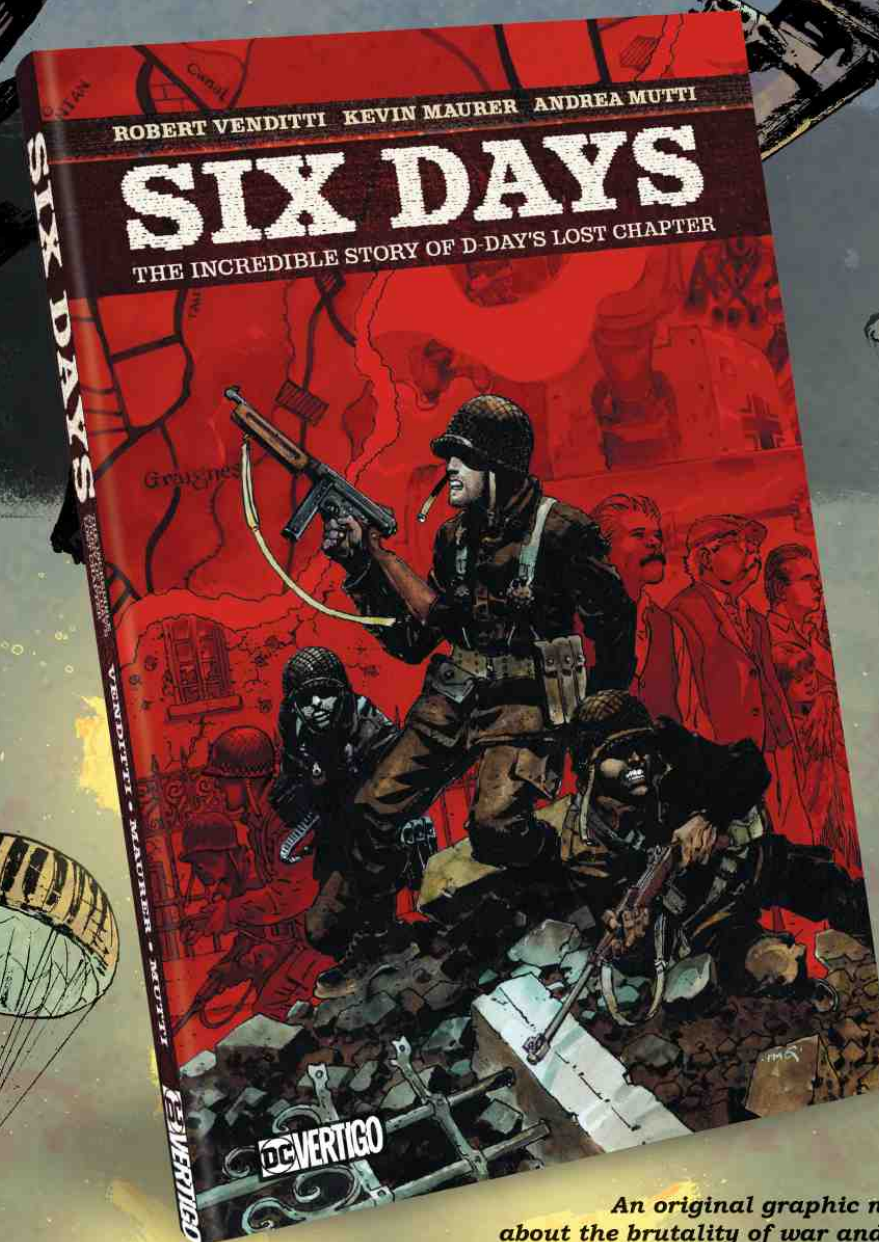
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THE DATE IS JUNE 6, 1944.

D-DAY.

02:30 HOURS.

THE ALLIED INVASION OF NORMANDY HAS BEGUN.

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SOMEBODY  
WENT AND  
BUILT A TOWN IN  
THE MIDDLE OF  
THIS MESS.

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SON OF ULTRON

"THIS FAN...  
THIS MONSTER!"

